

Message Text

SECRET

PAGE 01 TEL AV 03907 221656Z
ACTION SS-25

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 SSO-00 /026 W
-----086186 221703Z /43

O 221632Z MAR 78
FM AMEMBASSY TEL AVIV
TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 2086
INFO AMEMBASSY DAMASCUS IMMEDIATE
AMEMBASSY BEIRUT IMMEDIATE
USMISSION USUN PRIORITY
AMEMBASSY AMMAN PRIORITY
AMEMBASSY CAIRO PRIORITY
AMCONSUL JERUSALEM PRIORITY
AMEMBASSY LONDON PRIORITY

S E C R E T TEL AVIV 3907

EXDIS

E. O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PEPR MOPS SY LE IS
SUBJ: SOUTH LEBANON: WEIZMAN WORRIES ABOUT SYRIAN INTENTIONS

1. WEIZMAN CALLED LATE THIS AFTERNOON (MARCH 22) TO SEE
IF WE HAD ANY FURTHER REACTIONS TO OUR DEMARCHES TO LEBANESE
AND SYRIANS ON IRAQI CONVOYS. TOLD HIM EVERYONE CONCERNED
WAS SEIZED WITH PROBLEM BUT I WAS UNAWARE OF ANY SPECIFIC
RESULTS (HAD NOT SEEN BEIRUT 1540 AT TIME OF CONVERSATION).
ALTHOUGH HE SEEMED RELATIVELY RELAXED OVER MY INABILITY TO
GIVE HIM WHAT HE WANTED TO HEAR, HE DID URGE ME TO CALL
HIM AT ANY HOUR SHOULD WE LEARN SOMETHING OF INTEREST.

2. WEIZMAN SAID GOI HAD INTELLIGENCE INDICATIONS SYRIANS
MIGHT TRY TO MOVE SOUTH OF RED LINE CLOSER TO LITANI.
THIS WOULD GIVE ISRAELIS "LOTS OF PROBLEMS." SAID
I HAD HEARD HE HAD DISCUSSED WITH SIILASVUO POSSIBILITY
OF ADF MOVING DOWN TO LITANI TO TAKE OVER SECURITY

SECRET

SECRET

PAGE 02 TEL AV 03907 221656Z

RESPONSIBILITY FOR STRIP BETWEEN LITANI AND RED LINE.
WEIZMAN SAID THIS TRUE, BUT THAT IT HAD BEEN ONLY A "THEO-
RETICAL
DISCUSSION." IN INTERIM HE HAD PROPOSED THAT UNIFIL CROSS THE
LITANI AND TAKE CHARGE OF THE STRIP BETWEEN IT AND RED
LINE. TOLD HIM DID NOT BELIEVE THIS WAS POSSIBLE UNDER
UN MANDATE NOR DID IT STRIKE ME AS A PRACTICAL SOLUTION

AT THIS STAGE, HE RETORTED BY URGING THAT WE DO WHATEVER POSSIBLE TO WARN SYRIANS THEIR PRESENCE BEYOND RED LINE WOULD NOT BE WELCOME.

3. WEIZMAN AGAIN PRAISED SIILASVUO AND SAID THEY HAD AN EXCELLENT MEETING TODAY. HE APPEARS TO BE MORE PLEASED WITH UNIFIL PERFORMANCE TO DATE THAN SIILASVUO IS.

4. ON CEASE FIRE, WEIZMAN SAID DESPITE CONTINUED ROCKET AND ARTILLERY FIRE TODAY ON NORTHERN ISRAELI REACHES HE WAS KEEPING IDF ON A "VERY TIGHT LEASH." TOLD HIM WE ALL HAD GREAT ADMIRATION FOR THE RESTRAINT AND STATESMANSHIP HE WAS SHOWING.

5. DAO HAS JUST BEEN BRIEFED BY IDF INTELLIGENCE. IDF HAS INFORMATION WHICH INDICATES THAT THREE SYRIAN COMPANIES HAVE MOVED SOUTH IN FATAH LAND TO THE VICINITY OF HASBAYYA. DAO NOW REPORTING THIS BY IR 6 849 0291 78. VIETS

SECRET

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: Z
Capture Date: 01 jan 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: TROOP DEPLOYMENT, DIPLOMATIC DISCUSSIONS, INTERNATIONAL PEACEKEEPING FORCES
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 22 mar 1978
Decaption Date: 20 Mar 2014
Decaption Note: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 20 Mar 2014
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1978TELAV03907
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: GS
Errors: N/A
Expiration:
Film Number: D780126-0613
Format: TEL
From: TEL AVIV
Handling Restrictions:
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1978/newtext/t19780335/aaaabdlh.tel
Line Count: 81
Litigation Code IDs:
Litigation Codes:
Litigation History:
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Message ID: 144a1fbf-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Office: ACTION SS
Original Classification: SECRET
Original Handling Restrictions: EXDIS
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: SECRET
Previous Handling Restrictions: EXDIS
Reference: n/a
Retention: 0
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 06 jun 2005
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review Media Identifier:
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
SAS ID: 3232903
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: SOUTH LEBANON: WEIZMAN WORRIES ABOUT SYRIAN INTENTIONS
TAGS: PEPR, MOPS, SY, LE, IS, UNSC, UNIFIL, (WEIZMAN, EZER)
To: STATE
Type: TE
vdkgvwkey: odhc://SAS/SAS.dbo.SAS_Docs/144a1fbf-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Review Markings:
Sheryl P. Walter
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
20 Mar 2014
Markings: Sheryl P. Walter Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 20 Mar 2014